

JOINT MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES	Agenda Item No. 3
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Report of the Executive Director of Operations

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Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (2011-2026) and Local Transport Plan (2011-2016)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The report is submitted to the Joint Meeting of the Environment Capital and Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities as part of the democratic process leading to proposed adoption of the Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (2011-2026) and Local Transport Plan (2011-2016) at full Council in April 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Joint Meeting of the Environment Capital and Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for Rural Communities:
1. scrutinises the Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (2011-2026) and the Local Transport Plan (2011-2016) and makes recommendations for changes where appropriate; and
 2. supports the submission of these documents to the Cabinet and full Council for consideration and adoption in April 2011.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The vision statements within the Community Strategy have been adopted as the overarching vision for the Peterborough Long Term Transport Strategy (2011-2026) and Local Transport Plan (2011-2016).

The transport plan has an impact on all communities and is key to bringing forward the following:

- A bigger and better Peterborough that grows the right way, and through truly sustainable development and growth:
- Improves the quality of life of all its people and communities and ensures that all communities benefit from growth and the opportunities it brings.
- Creates a truly sustainable Peterborough, the urban centre of a thriving sub-regional community of villages and market towns, a healthy, safe and exciting place to live, work and visit, famous as the environment capital of the UK.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Improving transport for everyone who lives, works or travels in Peterborough is a priority for the City Council. To enable us to provide the best possible transport service in and around the city,

we produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) every five years which sets out how we will tackle existing and future transport issues. We are currently producing the third LTP, known as 'LTP3'.

- 4.2 The LTP3 supports Peterborough's Core Strategy and City Centre Area Action Plan and sets out how the city's transport system will support the future growth and development of Peterborough. The LTP3 therefore sets out what the Council aspires to achieve and the mechanisms that will be considered to help meet those objectives.
- 4.3 The Long Term Transport Strategy (LTTS) has been produced to:
- Align with the Core Strategy document which covers the time period up to 2026
 - Support the long term growth and employment aspirations
 - Give a long term vision for transport so a consistent approach can be adopted for transport through out the Core Strategy
 - Support the long term environmental aspirations of the Council to become Home of the Environment Capital

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 The LTTS and LTP3 sets out the transport strategy up to 2026.
- 5.2 The Local Transport Plan element of the document sets out our policy strategy and plan up to 2016. A robust consultation exercise has been carried out during the preparation of this document, the details of which can be seen in the consultation section of this report.
- 5.3 A detailed assessment process has been carried out to identify the strategy and plan. Details can be seen in chapter 6 of the LTP3 document.
- 5.4 The long term element of the document supports the Core Strategy growth aspirations and has been approved and published as part of the Peterborough's Integrated Development Plan.
- 5.5 The document will be submitted to Cabinet and full Council for approval as appropriate for a Statutory and Key Council document.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The document sets out the transport strategy for Peterborough for the next 15 years with a detailed policy and plan for the next 5 years. Some of the key implications are summarised below:

Financial

The document contains an indicative 4 year spending allocation for transport funds.

Legal

The document is currently being checked for legal implications.

Corporate Priorities

The document has been written in line with the corporate priorities. The corporate priorities have been adopted as the priorities for transport in the document.

Environment Capital

The document identifies the Environmental Capital as a key aspiration and an ambitious target of increasing the use of sustainable modes of transport by 15% is embedded with in the strategy. The document has had a Strategic Environment Assessment and a Habitats Regulation Assessment.

Community Safety

Road safety and reducing the fear of crime are key goals of this document.

Discrimination and Equality

The document has had an Equality Assessment carried out on it.

The document has implications city-wide and is a Statutory and Key document for the Council.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The LTTS reflects the views of our residents and key stakeholders as far as possible and in an attempt to achieve this, a number of consultations have been undertaken during its development.
- 7.2 In addition, a wider group of people and organisations have been contacted directly and asked to give us their views in relation to the development of the LTTS and the LTP3.
- A workshop held on the 1st April 2009 with stakeholders to discuss problems, issues and opportunities, together with the objectives of the LTTS.
 - Dialogue with the Regional Transport Partnership.
 - A number of Scrutiny Meeting to update Members.
 - Ongoing consultation with stakeholders from across Peterborough City Council.
 - Workshop held on the 4th March 2010 when the LTTS was discussed.
 - Cabinet Policy Forum 24th May 2010.
- 7.3 The consultation process for the Peterborough third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) started in the summer of 2010. Overall a very wide range of consultation methods have been used at various stages during the consultation. In July all councillors were invited to attend a three day consultation 'drop in' event which was held at The Town Hall.
- 7.4 The consultation has been a well publicised event, in August an interview took place with BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and in September a television interview took place with BBC Look East. The consultation was also mentioned numerous times in the local newspaper, The Peterborough Evening Telegraph.
- 7.5 The LTP3 leaflet was distributed in the Your Peterborough magazine to all households within Peterborough informing them of the ideas the council was proposing to include in LTP3. A copy of the leaflet and questionnaire was also made available online. Over 250 stakeholders and interest groups were written to directly to give them an opportunity to participate in the consultation.

7.6 During September, council officers attended Neighbourhood Council meetings (please see following table), where a dedicated session was held to give everyone a chance to discuss the LTP with the officers:

Neighbourhood Council	Venue	Date
Dogsthorpe, East and Park Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Millennium Centre, Dickens Street	1 September 2010
Fletton, Stanground and Woodston Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Riverside Pavilion, Candy Street	2 September 2010
Rural North Neighbourhood Council Meeting	John Clare Primary School, Helpston	16 September 2010
Central and North Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Peterborough Sports and Leisure Club, Lincoln Road	21 September 2010
Gunthorpe, Paston, Walton & Werrington Community Committee Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Ken Stimpson Community College, Staniland Way, Werrington	22 September 2010
Orton with Hampton Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Matley Primary School, Orton Brimbles	23 September 2010
Peterborough West Neighbourhood Council Meeting	Jack Hunt School, Ledbury Road, Westwood	29 September 2010

7.7 On September 11th and 12th a two day public exhibition was held at the Queensgate Shopping Centre, where officers were available for questions. From October to December officers also attended meetings with various stakeholders and interest groups.

7.8 Over this period a vast amount of comments were gathered from parties. These comments have been summarised and arranged by the type of respondent, stakeholders, other interest groups and general public. A consultation summary is available in the document and a separate report has been written and available on request.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The document is still a working draft until it is submitted to full Council in April and has been submitted to the legal team to ensure that the wording is strong enough to ensure that the Council objectives can be met but flexible enough to adapt to changes in the economic conditions.
- 8.2 The document is also being checked by the communications team to ensure that as much jargon as possible is removed to ensure that it is easy to read.
- 8.3 Neither of these exercises are expected to make changes to the essence of the document and any changes are expected to be minor phrase and word changes.
- 8.4 The document will be referred to Cabinet and to full Council as it is a Statutory and Key document for the Council.
- 8.5 The document contains a monitoring section which outlines which targets and indicators are to be used to evaluate the success of the plan. A bi-annual report on these will be written and available on the Council web site. A Five Year Delivery Plan will be written after the LTP3 section runs out in 2016.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1 Please refer to Annexe 1 of the LTTS and LTP3.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 The Long Term Transport Strategy and the Local Transport Plan 3 document are available on a specially created LTP3 secure web site:

<http://ltp3.org.uk/>

As the site is secure, those wishing to access the documents must use the following username and password when prompted:

Username: LTP3

Password: Peterborough

Please note that the username and password are case sensitive.

The Long Term Transport Strategy and the Local Transport Plan 3 are large documents and have been provided electronically to save on paper. However, if you require a hard copy please contact:

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